

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State married couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength and vitality of their love and devotion through the longevity of their wedding vows; and

Whereas, Bill D. Jones and Betty J. Cunningham Jones celebrated their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner in their home on Thanksgiving Day; and

Whereas, on November 23, 1948, in Elkland, Missouri, Bill Jones took the lovely hand of his bride, the former Betty Cunningham, as the two pledged their troth and fidelity; and

Whereas, the marital union of Bill and Betty Jones has been blessed down through the years by the presence of two children, Danny D. Jones and Sharon E. (Jones) Henson; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bill Jones has contributed to the well-being of his family through his labors in farming and construction, work in sales and management for twenty-five years at Herrman Lumber, and part-time employment at SummerFresh Grocery; and

Whereas, Betty Jones likewise contributed to the financial resources of her family by helping on the farm and by working as a technician in hospitals and at Webco Nursing Home and as a nurse/companion in a private home; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of Cavalry Baptist Church, where Bill is known for his interests in woodworking and gardening and Betty is praised for the results of her green thumb; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives give praise and accolades to such exemplary Missouri citizens as Bill and Betty Jones at this momentous time in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the splendid marriage of Bill and Betty Jones and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon attaining their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary and our best wishes for a future filled with numerous other celebratory events; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Jones of Marshfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4909, adopted January 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker